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The Mark of The Two-Horned Beast

H. A. OWENS

In Revelation 13:11 we have a prophecy describing a beast that appeared like a lamb, but spake as a dragon. This beast was to appear after a certain other beast which exercised power over the whole earth for a period of time was seriously wounded and lost his ruling power.

The first beast which came up out of the sea was described as having "seven heads and ten horns and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his head the name of blasphemy." Rev. 13:1. He is also described as being "like a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion; and the dragon gave him power and his seat, and great authority." Rev. 13:2.

The important thing that we should know is the meaning of this prophecy. These passages are written figuratively. Figures are used in most all Bible prophecies, then we should give them our careful and prayerful study, that we might be able to understand them.

In prophetic language a beast represents a power. The beast referred to in Rev. 13: 1-2 has reference to a power that rules with a rod of iron.

Most all prophetic students agree that it was the Roman power or kingdom which persecuted and put to death the true WORSHIPERS of God. History teaches us that the Christians were persecuted under Pagan Rome for a period of time, then the Papacy under the Pope of Rome persecuted them, even putting most of them to death. The persecution was world-wide. It lasted about 1260 years. This period of time is known as the dark ages.

Let us notice Daniel's prophecy concerning the four powerful kingdoms which would rule the earth. This was during the time of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, or the King of Babylon.

The king had a dream but did not know the meaning of it. Daniel interpreted it and explained the meaning thereof. Dan. 2nd chap.

In the dream the king saw an image whose head was of gold, his arms and breast of silver, his belly and thighs of brass, his legs of iron and his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Daniel explained the dream as meaning four kingdoms ruling the earth, one after the other.

The head of gold was the Babylonian kingdom, with Nebuchadnezzar as king.

The arms and breast of silver was an inferior kingdom, or Medo-Persia.

The belly and thighs of brass was the Grecian kingdom.

The legs of iron was the Roman kingdom, and the feet part iron and part clay are powers that are partly under Roman rule, but are weakened by those who will not come under her rule. The clay will not permit the rule to be as strong as it would if it were all iron. Dan. 2: 42-43.

The Roman rule was very hard for Christians, even putting most of them to death. The longest period of persecution lasted 1260 years, which is known as the "dark ages." This was enforced by the Papacy. Read Rev. 13:7.

The beast mentioned in Rev. 13: 1-8 was wounded when Wycliff and Luther and others in the reforming age came out from under the Papacy.

Since that time we have enjoyed a portion of freedom, but the majority of the people still hold to some of the doctrines taught by the Papacy, therefore the beast is not dead, but wounded.

These prophecies have all been fulfilled except the one referring to the two-horned beast. It is to come yet.

The seven-head and ten-horned beast came up out of the sea, but the two-horned beast will come up out of the earth. Entirely a different location. And, it is to make its appearance as a lamb: the most humble, meek ,and harmless of all beasts. People will not be afraid of it.

I would ask you, Do you know of a power that has appeared in a lamb-like manner? Do you know of one that appears to be deeply

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NOTICES

We wish to state thru the Evangel, to those who plan to attend the Illinois state convention, that FREE entertainment will be granted to all to the degree that beds and breakfast will be free, and there will be a restaurant on the grounds near the church, where all can get eats if they get hungry. Don't forget that we are also expecting every member in the State of Illinois to bring or send 40c on the general indebtedness. Of course this means those who have not as yet turned this amount in. THEN IF there should be any member in the State, or out of the State, who is not able to pay the 40c, be loyal enough to write in to me and tell us so, and we will try to get some of the members to make it up for you as we do not want to fall behind any state. We, the Eldorado church, went eight dollars over the amount yesterday, raising $143.00, and we are expecting the churches in the State, as a whole, to pay their quota. Come expecting the power and presence of God to be in the convention throughout. — Yours for Him and His Church, T. L. McLain, overseer of Illinois.

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We are burdened for souls and the interest of the church in this state. If any one desires a revival in your community (if in Indiana), get in touch with me at Shelburn, Ind. The pastor's address at Shelburn is Curtis Hughes, 1717 Wabash Ave.—Harry Cutts.

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The annual home coming for the Church of God at Crane Eater, Ga. will be held the second Sunday in June. As usual we are expecting the orphanage children, of Cleveland, to render a short program, consisting of songs and recitations. Also the Orphanage Quartet will be present to render a number of selections. Come prepared to stay all day and be ready to honor the Lord with a burning testimony. We are expecting some of the ministers from Cleveland to be present and preach for us on that occasion. —J. L. B. Poarch.

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A Church of God mission will open at Third Ave, and Rowhatten St., Lester, Pa., June 10. Services. 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sundays and 8:00 p. m. Fridays. Everybody welcome Come, let us take this town for God.—A. Thompson, evangelist, 636 Potter St., Chester, Pa.

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Faxon, Okla. Church of God will have a home coming Sunday, June 17. There will be all-day service and dinner on the ground. Bring a well filled basket. A special invitation is extended to all members to be present and bring your 40c for general indebtedness. If you can't come, send in your payment to the clerk, also your testimony. Plan to come. Pray that God will bless.—A. E. Opsata, pastor.

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There will be an all day service at the Church of God at Mentone. Ala. the fourth Sunday in June. with dinner at the church. The children will have a short program in the morning and there will be preaching and singing in the afternoon. Our district pastor, Brother Raymond Taylor, is expected to be with us.—H. T. Miller, pastor, Mentone, Ala.

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The Church of God at Spring Place, Ga. will have home coming the third Sunday in June. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy the goodness of the Lord on that day. We hope to have with us Brothers Latimer and Boehmer, and all other brothers and sisters who can come. All pray for the day and come with a full basket. — Ben Jones, clerk.

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To the ministers and churches in Texas: The Big Springs district convention will convene at Big Springs, Tex., June 15-17. Churches in this district are Colorado, Wastella, Sweetwater, McCamey, and Big Springs. The Brownfield district convention will convene at Brownfield June 22-24. Churches in this district are Slaton, Lubbock, and Brownfield. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these conventions and enjoy the good feast from the Lord. We are expecting a glorious time. We especially invite our friends from New Mexico to come over and enjoy the feast.— Sincerely yours, J.C. Coats, overseer.

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Brother Earl Paulk, please get in touch with me at 3411 Valley St., Catlettsburg, Ky. at once. Important.—W. G. Lighte.

The Church of God at Columbia, S. C. began a revival May 8 with Evangelistic Nettie Hanvey in charge, assisted by her husband and little daughter. Great power and victory was demonstrated in the services. The saints were revived, sixteen were saved, a large number sanctified and four filled with the Holy Ghost.—E.L. Jacobs, clerk.

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On the fifth Sunday in July we will have a home coming at Baxley, Ga. We cordially invite everybody to come. We are hoping to have a number of preachers, including our state overseer, with us. Let's pray that God will make it possible for our overseer to come. There will be dinner at the church. Come, let us get in the fight and press the battle and stay on the firing line. We desire the saints everywhere to pray that God will bless this place for it is ungodly. Pray, pray, pray.—E. E. O'Neal, pastor, Baxley, Ga.

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There will be a home coming at Adamsville Church of God, June 10, beginning at 10:00 a. m. All members try to be present. The services will include a baptizing and the Lord's Supper and feet washing. Dinner will be spread on the ground. Everybody bring well filled baskets. Saints from other churches are invited, also friends of the church. Be sure to bring singers and musical instruments. Brothers E. M. Tapley and W. E. Raney are in a revival here. Over twenty have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, besides the ones who have been saved and sanctified. From one to three are praying thru almost every night. We can't tell what the results will be.—Minnie E. Haynes.

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The annual Shorts Creek district convention of the Church of God will convene at Shorts Creek, Va., June 22-24, 1934. Every one is invited to come and enjoy the feast. We are expecting the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to lead and have full control in these services. There will be visiting brethren from other states. Free entertainment will be provided for all; dinner on the ground Sunday. Everybody welcome to the first and oldest established Church of God in the State of Virginia.—J. L. Dalton, pastor.

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THE LIGHT OF THE WORD
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PERSEVERANCE

BY PAUL H. WALKER

Dear readers, greetings in the name of Him who doeth all things well. In these last and closing days it affords me pleasure to be able to write on the above subject, "Perseverance." There never was a time when we were so confronted with deception and sin as we are toady. People are failing on every side. Apostasy is filling the circles of denominationalism everywhere. Modernism has crept in practically every pulpit. Ministers in turn are drilling into the heads and hearts of hundreds of young people that there is no hell, the new birth is emotionalism, Jesus was not born of a virgin womb, nothing in the vicarious death, no resurrection, and that there is nothing that is supernatural, miracles are past, and there is no harm in worldly pleasure such as dance, movies, cards, beer drinking, and the Lord knows what. No wonder Paul said in 1 Cor. 16:13, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong." I believe Paul realized the day of deception was coming. Therefore he warned us to watch. We may watch the fulfilling of prophecy, the falling away in these last days on account of worldly conformity and compromise .We must watch our walk, conversation, attitude towards others, etc.

When we see the falling away, ritualism taking the place of spirituality, then we need to stand fast in the faith. Paul said, "Quit you like men." The Greek Lexicon says "Quit yourselves like men." This shows the negative element in Christian discipleship. Deny yourself. Jesus said, "Not my will but thine be done." Mortify the deeds of the body and ye shall live. It takes men to do that, men that will sacrifice their all for the cause of God, not alone in word but in deed as well. Quit you like men. Some want credit here for what they do for God. They want praise, want to be carried around on a chip, do not want hardship and if they get it they want sympathy. But Paul said be men, not infants. He said be strong, not weak, easily sidetracked, tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine but be strong.

Persevere means to persist in anything, to pursue anything steadily, to be constant, not to give over. I Chr. 16:11 says, "Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually." This scripture does not apply so much to the sinner but the saint. We are in a time when we need to be persistent, seeking the Lord continually. Seek Him for wisdom, strength, vision of truth, light, courage. The day is here when we are to be tried. Many who are Spirit-filled today, if they were able to see just where they are standing, would see themselves on the brink of being deceived by little no-harm things, as we call them. But we must seek the Lord continually.

CONTINUOUS PATH

Prov. 4:18, "The path of the just is as the shining light that shines more and more unto the perfect day." Moffatt's Translation says, "The course of a good man like a ray of light, shines on and on to the full light of day." Here the writer of Proverbs likens the path of the just or Christian to the rising sun. At the break of day there are the dim rays of light that gleam over the Eastern horizon. The sun rays are lighting the earth. It does not come part of the way up and then return. No, but it gets higher and higher and appears in great brightness and soon is referred to as the noonday sun. Why? Because it is then that it is the brightest, and so it is with the Christian. When should we begin? Solomon said in the days of our youth. The youth of life, the springtime of our pilgrimage here, the morning of life's day, then is when and where we should begin to shine. We could not shine greatly perhaps because of the lack of understanding, training, wisdom, and scriptural enlightenment, but we could do our bit and as we travel we become accustomed to the hardships of Christian living and self-denial. We buckle the armour a little tighter, whet the sword a little sharper as we are meeting greater opposition, but as we travel our influence widens and our light gets brighter and brighter until after the battle is well underway and we have been persistent and perseverant in a continuous path we shall come to the time of our departing as Paul said, "My departure is at hand," then we can lay our armour down and say with Paul, We persevered, we fought a good fight, we kept the faith, we ran the race, we finished our course and now comes the crown. The perfect day is here. Paul said, "When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away." That which is in part has passed, the perfect One, Jesus, has called us to our reward. We were faithful TO HIS WORD. We were pursuant for the prize, we fixed our eyes constantly on the goal and because of us not fainting we made a safe landing. Let us persevere.

Mary's Choice

Luke 10:42, "But one thing is needful: and Mary has chosen that good part which shall not be taken away from her." Mary was determined to learn of the Lord. She would not leave Him. She left off

getting the meal ready—not time for the natural or material, but the spiritual. Jesus said she had chosen that good part. She persevered. Too many of us are too easily sidetracked with the cares of life and trying to get ahead with material things until we visit the Lord once in a while, perhaps on Sundays, but practically forget about Him during the week. Mary sat at the feet of Jesus, her heart was hungry, words of life thrilled her soul. Oh, that men would seek the Lord !

Continuing Branch

John 15:4-9, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, no more can ye except ye abide in me. * * * * He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: * * * *." The secret of abiding in Him is to be perseverant, earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints. Do not let down an inch. We cannot afford to. We who are saved are the light of the world. Shine as lights in the world. Do not let the chimney get befogged and smoked with the soot of the devil's trash. We must abide In Him (Jesus). We must not say "fail" but "victory." The trend of the mind of the world is this: First, religion hinders the cultural development of workers, for all religion is the opposite to science. Second, it harms our economic life. Third, it supports bogus traditions and sanctifies property-owning egoism. Fourth, it diverts the mind from the construction of socialism teaching that the better life is beyond the grave. Fifth, it is used by our class enemies as a cloak or as a weapon against us. But Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing." Let us abide in the Vine. Men are and have tried to bring prosperity, happiness, etc. but Jesus said in the last days perplexity and distress would come. Are they here? Let us be persistent and abide in Him. Arthur Brisbane in the Chicago Examiner says, "To those who have attended old fashioned American camp meetings, revivals, Sunday Schools and prayer meetings it seems strange to think of children trained to CONVERT their elders to atheism. The godless children have great influence in dormitories and in apartment houses, leading to the conversion of entire households to atheism." I feel it is time to stick to the Word. Continue steadily in the old path and the good way. Jer. 6:16.

Patient Continuance

Rom. 2:6, 7, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds; to them who by PATIENT CONTINUANCE in well doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life." That means the ones who will be patient in well doing, not fainting by the wayside but perseverant, will be crowned with glory, honor and eternal life. But V. 8 says, "But anger and wrath to those who are willful, who disobey the truth and obey wickedness; anger and calamity for or upon every soul that perpetrates evil, for the Jew first and for the Greek as well. There is no partiality about God," Moffatt's Translation. So with all the unbelief and sin and worldliness it pays to stick to the Word and persevere. Lot's wife looked back and turned to a pillar of salt. Judas betrayed his Lord and fell. Saul disobeyed God and fell. Samson compromised and did grind in the prison house. Paul said his associates had failed, and having loved this present world, had left him. But on the other hand there are those who have given their lives in death for the cause. Paul was beheaded, Peter crucified head down, Thomas skinned alive, James had his brains knocked out by a priest with a fuller's club, John was exiled, some were tied to posts and their bodies smeared with honey and had to stand in the burning sun and thousands of flies swarmed about them and crawled over their bound bodies until they were tortured to death. They persevered in the things that wrought out for them an exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Let us be faithful.

BIG ISLAND, MISSOURI, DISTRICT CONVENTION

Service opened Thursday night with congregational singing, scripture reading by Rev. W. J. Milligan, and concert prayer. The Cantwell Quartet then gave us some wonderful singing, inspired by God. The welcome address was given by Brother Lane, pastor at Big Island. Responses were given by C. E. French, Sister Carrie Stringer, and Sister Jane Rogers. The message was brought by Sister Sophie Marceal, followed by some remarks by Brother Milligan. We certainly felt welcome even before the first service. The Holy Ghost was present here at the beginning of the convention.

Friday morning service began with songs and prayers, and sermonettes by young God-called ministers. Brother Ansel Boyer was first. Then came Ellen Brown, Earl Aldrich, Essie Mae Golden, Bernice Kamplain, Estes Wallace, Leora Brooks, Clarence Garner and Everett Byington. Then Sister Jinkerson and Brother Charles Griffard spoke on "How I enjoyed the Bible School." They certainly said some good things on the blessings of Bible School, and encouraged everybody to either go, or help send some one else. A message was then brought by Sister Maud Vendeford. God blessed. Brother Art Dodson also spoke and said many good things. After these soul-stirring sermons, we had a "pop-corn" praise service.

Friday evening service opened with congregational singing, prayer and special music. Messages were brought by Sister Pratt, Brother J. W. Maness, and Brother

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What Think Ye of Christ?

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By Mary Weagraff

KING LIKE SOLOMON

Before Pilate stood this wonderful person upon that notable day nearly twenty centuries ago, that He might bear witness to the truth. St. John 18:37, "Pilate therefore said unto Him, Art thou a king? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth." "Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence," St. John 18:36.

His kingdom should not be prepared here but in heaven, and would proceed forth from heaven and be among men. Jesus had said, "The Kingdom of heaven is within you," as He addressed a company of people, making it plain that His kingdom should be placed among men. And Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, "Behold he cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon the earth," and here he must rule until he has put all enemies under his feet, and then he will turn the kingdom over unto the Father, that He may be all in all. How often has the prayer been repeated, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

How great will be the appearing of His kingdom from heaven. How magnificent will be the King with His ruling body as He ascends upon the clouds of heaven, when every eye shall see Him. They shall look upon Him whom they pierced, then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn when they shall see Him coming in His glory and all the holy angels with Him, with those also for whom He had prayed, saying Father, that they might see the glory that I had with thee before the foundation of the world. When He will have caught the saints away unto the heavens, and there, after they will have seen His glory, He will stage them for the reappearance upon the earth to subdue and conquer all the nations of the earth and bring them under subjection to the rule of His kingdom .The animal creation and also the earth will be redeemed from the curse of the fall, for Adam's sake they were cursed. Isa. 11:6-9, "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together:and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Amos 9:13, "Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seeds; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. Every one shall dwell under his own vine and fig tree, and none shall make them afraid."

In the new Jerusalem, the city four square—twelve hundred miles long, twelve hundred miles wide, and twelve hundred miles high—will be the throne of the Lamb. To make room for this and the multitudes of the then living and resurrected people, every island shall flee away and the mountains shall not be found, Rev. 16:20, and there shall be no more sea, Rev. 21:1.

"And I heard a great voice from heaven saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God, and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away."

With what delight the sorrowing hearts of the earth look forward to the day when He who hath all power and might will wipe all tears away and all sorrow and pain will be forgotten. Like Solomon, none of the King's judgments will fail, and surely that great kingdom of peace under Solomon's reign will be far surpassed when peace shall reign in every heart, when this magnificent King and His kingdom shall appear. I am sure we will be caused to exclaim like the queen of Sheba, The half has not been told for of his riches and honor no pen can portray, but as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. 1 Cor. 2:9.

ECHOES FROM A GREAT REVIVAL

Behold, the Lord, even the Lord God Almighty did visit with us and Christopher, Ill. did see His wondrous works and hear His voice; His hand was stretched out to confirm His Word with signs and miracles which God did in the midst of His people.

The revival was born of prayer. Night after night we met in prayer preceding the revival proper.The life line was thrown far into the night of sin when the messages of Brother D. P. Barnett, inspired by the Holy Ghost, rang out with old time power and strength. Many believed and received the promise. Heaven and earth echoed the shouts and sobs of joy and freedom throughout the meeting. Many nights there was no preaching.

We will not state the number which prayed thru. Some would say fifty, some more, and some a few less, but sufficieth it to say, the altar was never without many seekers. The precious Holy Ghost was in charge throughout and to Him, Jesus, and the Holy Father do we attribute all.

On Friday we enjoyed an all day service, beginning at 10:00 a. m. and lasting until late in the night. Many visitors were present. We will not try to tell you how inspiring and uplifting the messages were, and the blessings which followed, only that throughout the day it was a heavenly place. Brevity of space and time, and impediment of expression holds from you much that would carry you to the loftiest peaks of rapturous praise unto God for His wondrous works among the children of men. Let us therefore content ourselves with the echoes of this revival.—Houston R. Morehead, pastor.

Corn In Egypt

By EARL A. CRIPPS

Just as in Joseph's time when there was a famine in the land and God had sent him on ahead to preserve life, so there are groups of people today outside the formal worldly churches who have the Bread of Life for the famishing multitudes. "But," you may say, "What a strange place for corn. Egypt is a type of the world." So was the "upper room" with its motley array of fishermen, carpenters, their wives and children, pardoned Magdalenes, publicans, and sinners; a strange place for the fire to fall, but those who were forgiven much loved more than the unforgiven scribes and Pharisees in the temple, and God's true Church is always composed of those who worship Him in Spirit and in truth. When they lose their "first love," they cease to do so and He has to seek others who will.

And it would seem as if this thankfulness is the only thing that will keep people "little in their own eyes" and "outside the camp bearing His reproach" for just as soon as they increase in numbers and become popular they begin to compromise and instead of preaching Jesus only Saviour, only Healer, only Baptizer, and only Coming King, they soon have as many "groves," "high-places" and Baal's as Israel in Elijah's or Gideon's time, and it is their refusal to remove these that makes it necessary for God to raise up other workers as in the days of Iconoclast, Luther, Wesley, etc.

But pleasing people is an expensive thing. It cost King Saul his throne and it has cost many a Christian the crown of righteousness that fadeth not away and his works to be burned as wood, hay, and stubble. The fear of man bringeth a snare, and it is only when Quakers lose their quaking fear of God that they are not as afraid to commit murder in war time as Daniel and the Hebrew children were afraid to worship other gods; when Methodists become worldly that they fear the noise of fallen woman and drunkards weeping their way through to Calvary, Baptists of immersion. Missionary Alliance of divine healing, and Pentecost of speaking in tongues.

But the Church of God is a living one, and the wave form always goes on whether it has the same people or not, Nicodemus or our grandparents, "new birth" would not suffice for us any more, Peter's or Cornelius' baptism of the Holy Ghost, and it is usually the second, third, and subsequent generations taken into church without even being saved, that make it necessary for corn to come out of Egypt, for they will not enter into the kingdom themselves or suffer others to do so, but as Pharaoh's hardness of heart or even the people whose bones bleached in the wilderness did not prevent Israel from entering into Canaan, so the opposition of those who force people "outside the camp" for preaching John 3:16; James 5:14; Acts 2:17 will only bring the signs and wonders that will turn the world upside down.

Past, Present and Future

Like the old black raven that flew out of Noah's ark and never came back because he liked the world even under the floods of judgment, better than a place in the ark of safety; the ungodly today are satisfied with the abnormal conditions prevailing upon the earth. The upright mourn with the oppressed and long for justice—which will never be administered while the god of the present world system is in control.

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Christians are faced with the problem of making a living like all others, but they cannot become partners in crime with the violent. "What concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" 2 Cor. 7:15. Christ commanded, "If a man smite you on one cheek, turn to him the other also," and "Whatsoever you would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them." Those who are His disciples indeed will obey His word gladly even through hardship. The day will come when in the interests of universal justice the wilful shall be made to obey with a rod of iron.

Even so "Thy kingdom come."

STATE MEETINGS

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FLORIDA STATE CAMP MEETING
Wimauma, Fla., June 7-17
E. W. Williams, Overseer

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VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION
Roanoke, Va., June 8-10
I. H. Brabson, Overseer

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INDIANA STATE CONVENTION
Shelburn, Ind., June 22-24
C. H. Standifer, Overseer

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NEW MEXICO STATE CONVENTION
Jal, N. Mex., June 15-17
M. E. Drake, Overseer

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ILLINOIS STATE CONVENTION
Eldorado, Ill., June 15-17
T. L. McLain, Overseer

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NORTHWEST CONVENTION
Minot, N. Dak., June 30-July 8
Paul H. Walker, Overseer

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PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION
Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pa.
June 27-July 1
H. W. Poteat, Overseer

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MONTANA STATE CAMP MEETING
Big Timber, Mont., July 8-13

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MONTANA STATE CONVENTION
Big Timber, Mont., July 13-15
Robert R. Seyda, Overseer

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S. C. CAMP MEETING AND CONVENTION
Greenville, S. C., July 18-29
H. L. Whittington, Overseer

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ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION
Pratt City, Ala., July 19-22
W. W. Harmon, Overseer

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OKLAHOMA STATE CAMP MEETING
Maud, Okla., July 27
OKLAHOMA STATE CONVENTION
Maud, Okla., Aug. 3-5
S. J. Wood, Overseer

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Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 20-26
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REPORT FROM BAHAMAS

"And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?" Matt. 20:6.

Some may be doing the best they can while some are not doing so much, but the time has come that we need to do the best we can for the Lord. Some would go if they were getting a large salary, but say, He will give us whatsoever is right, so why should we be worried? We do not need to be standing idle when there is plenty to do and now is the time to do it for the night is coming when we can't work.

We haven't done what we wanted to do this year but we have worked hard and expect to keep on the firing line and hear Him say, Well done, thou faithful servant. The folks here on these islands would do if they were able to, but God is blessing them. When we say, "Boys, let's go and do something," they say, "We will as long as we have you and others to stand by us," and they go. Soon we get a report from them at some place on an out island, saying they are having a fine meeting and will set a church in order, or have already done so.

We have gained several new churches this year, and the old ones are coming to the front. God is smiling on the ones who will go and wait on Him to pay them for what they do. God knows how to take care of the boys who will go, so let's go. What do you say?

Our convention was fine this time and we are looking for the next one to far surpass this one. Why, it is because we have purposed to do more this next year. The boys have left the convention saying, "We are going in the name of the Lord," and they are working already. Brother Monroe in Andros is doing fine. My, how they are coming! I have just returned from there and had a fine time.The good folks there enjoy hearing the Word of God. The work is going by leaps and bounds and we are proud of Brother Monroe, the district overseer. Brother Bethel on Exuma is on his job. He stays right there and works hard. I was there a few days ago and found his work doing fine. His church has about doubled in membership, for which we are glad. We need a larger building, and thank the Lord, we have started to work at it. Brother Rollen Roberts, district overseer of Eluthera, has gone to work there and his work is coming along fine. We have two new churches on that island this year. Thank the Lord! Brother Auten is here at my place now waiting for his boat for Harbor Island, his district. This place is the one where we had only one church and it was blown down by the storm last year, but he is going there to start rebuilding. We will soon be where we can go right to work there, hoping to report a good meeting there before long. Brother Auten is always ready to work here for these islands. In the near future we are expecting to hear from him on this island with the church up and meeting going.

I am just in from Grand Bahamas. We have only one church on this island but it is doing fine. We left here for that place the 12th. The weather was so bad by the time we got there that we had to stay out far away from land and had to go on to West End, Grand Bahamas, then to West Palm Beach, Fla. To say we had it hard would not explain it but we are trying to do all we can for this work. We stayed there overnight and the next morning it looked as if it was calming down. The captain said we would start back so we started and did well for about two hours and the squalls began to come harder and harder until I wondered whether the boat would stand it much longer. We were in it all day, stopped at West End, Grand Bahamas again, away out from land and had to stay there two days and nights. The weather calmed down then we started back for Nassau, about one hundred and ninety miles. On the way back I stopped at the place where we had the church, met some of the saints but had no time to preach to them so talked to them a while. We found them in a meeting and about twenty had received the blessing. The work is on the top there, going good.

I can say the work is on the upward move and could say lots about this good field to labor in, but if you feel like you want to do something for the Lord, you don't have to stand around idle. If you have faith and can stand the rough sea and the fare, come to the Bahamas.

I will be coming to the States soon to work for the mission cause and if there is any of the churches that would like for us to visit them and speak in behalf of missions, you may write me and I will be glad to try and give you a date. Write me at Winnsboro, S. C. I'll be there by the last of June. Pray for us here on the islands, also pray for the mission work.—One who loves the Lord and His cause and is looking soon to see Jesus face to face and tell Him just how I love Him, the boy on the Bahamas, W. E. Raney.

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SMITH HILL, Andros, Bah.—I wish to sound a note of praise to my Redeemer who converted my heart from sin, sanctified me with His precious blood after which the Holy Ghost came in my life to abide. Praise God! He is abiding right now. Six years ago I was called out from the world to lift up a standard for Jesus. I responded to the call and now I am a fellowservant.

I thank God for our state overseer, Brother W. E. Raney, who came to see us. We certainly appreciated his visit to the South District of Andros, it being the first time an overseer has been here. We enjoyed the good messages delivered thru him. The saints were strengthened. He is a God-sent man. We love him and pray that God will send him back again. I ask all who read this to pray for this place that God will bless. Pray for me that I will do more for Jesus. — An humble servant for Christ, Benjamin Munroe.

LIVING FOR JESUS

I am a little girl twelve years old. I've had the Holy Ghost five years. When I was ten years old I had pellagra and was sick for six months. When my father got willing to give up to the Lord and got saved I got better, and from that day to this I have been praising the Lord for it. Pray that I will live for Him. — Dorothy D. Swain, 2227 Harding St., Dallas, Tex.

SPECIALS FROM THE FIELD

I am glad to report victory over sin and the enemy at La France, S. C. We have just closed a revival in which the Lord wonderfully blessed. Brother and Sister J. A. Hanvey did the preaching and the Holy Ghost led. La France has been down but she is on fire for God now. We have a good Sunday School and mid-week prayer meeting and the Lord is blessing in each service. Twenty-one were saved, seventeen sanctified, fifteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and nine added to the church. We closed the revival with the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The Lord surely blessed. Praise the Lord! I can feel His presence now. Pray for us that God will bless.—Your brother in Christ, J. C. Green, pastor, 409 Osborn Ave., Anderson, S. C.

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KINGSPORT, Tenn.—We wish to sound a note of praise for the revival which was started Jan. 14, by our district overseer, Brother H. B. Helton. The Lord blessed Brother Helton in giving out His Word. Four were saved, two sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost and added to the church. Eternity alone will tell the good that was done. We feel like there has been seed sown that will bring forth a hundredfold. We love Brother Helton here at Kingsport and welcome him back any time. Pray for the church here.—Faithfully, R. H. Flinchum, pastor, 1209 Pine St.

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ALARKA, N. C.—The Alarka church is still on the firing line for God. We have just closed a good revival which began Feb. 4. Eleven were saved, four sanctified and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Talmadge Witmore did most of the preaching with his good wife at the organ. Our pastor, Brother Enoch Jamison, was in charge. Pray for us.—Ethel Phillips, clerk.

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MARIETTA, Ohio.—We have just closed a successful four-weeks revival at Marietta, Ohio, with twenty saved, twelve sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost and seven added to the church. The Lord blessed from the first to the last. The town was stirred. The house was full every night of the week and there was not seating room Sunday night. It was said by members to be the best meeting in twelve years. The revival was conducted by Sister Mary Denny of Middletown, Ohio. She is a successful evangelist. My address is 341 Pike St., Marietta, O. —Joel Stamper.

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ELIZABETHTON, Tenn.—Elizabethton is coming to the front again. We have had a good revival there with five saved, three sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. We closed the revival on New Year's night and had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The Lord blessed wonderfully. The power fell and the saints danced and talked in tongues. Thirteen were added to the church. We are expecting many others to come in soon. The pastor was in charge of the revival. We are having a wonderful Sunday School. The church is doing fine and we are expecting a good time in the Lord this year. —John Scalf, pastor.

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ROCK HILL, S. C.—I thank the good Lord for the wonderful time we had the last day of 1933. The Lord surely did bless us Sunday morning. Two were saved, one sanctified and one filled with the Holy Ghost. On Sunday night we had watch service. One received the Holy Ghost, one was saved and one sanctified. While we were praying the old year out and the new year in, one received the Holy Ghost.

The pastor at Lando, S. C., has just closed a wonderful revival there with Brother J. C. Taylor and Levy Miller in charge. Nine were filled with the Holy Ghost in one week and six added to the church. We ask an interest in the prayers of God's people everywhere.—Your brother in Jesus, C. E. McAbee, district pastor and pastor of Rock Hill church, 420 Annafrel St.

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PONTIAC, Mich.—We have just closed the greatest revival in Pontiac that the church has ever had. On Jan. 11th Brother and Sister Alewine arrived here and opened fire on the devil. Sinners began to fall in the altar from the first night. The meeting was well advertised. When the news spread that God was blessing they began to come—Nazarenes, Pentecostal people, Catholics, Baptists and people of other beliefs, forgot their religion and began to inquire after salvation. The house was full most every night and many times people were standing in every available place. Brother and Sister Alewine are wonderful saints of God. On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4th, with the thermometer registering zero, we went to the lake, cut twelve inches of ice and nine were baptized in water by Brother Alewine. There God met us again while people shivered in the cold as they stood on the ice and on the shore. The saints began to shout and talk in tongues, even in the water they were shouting and talking in tongues, too. Twenty-nine were saved, eleven sancitfied and nine filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Phillips, our state overseer, was with us two services and brought us two wonderful messages. Twenty-three were added to the church. God put His approval on this service and there was shouting and rejoicing as Baptists, Nazarenes and Catholics became members of the Church of God. Let all who read this pray for Brother and Sister Alewine and the work in Michigan this year.—Your brother in Christ, Carl Cook, pastor.

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DODDSVILLE, Miss.—Join me in praise to our great Redeemer for the many blessings He has bestowed on His children here at Pilgrims Rest church. We are only a small band but we truly can witness that He is here with us in Spirit and power. I have been healed of rheumatism in my right arm. There have also been other wonderful healings. Truly the harvest is white. God help the laborers to win souls. Let us hear from you again, Brothers Grant Williams, Beaube and Fritz. You are missed in your old field of labor. May God bless each one. Pray much for us. —Yours in the Master's service, Eva McPherson, clerk, Rt. 2.

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BOONEVILLE, Miss.—I praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost and fire. I praise Him for His great

healing power. We are in a new field where there isn't any Church of God saints though some are looking this way. It is fourteen miles to the nearest Church of God. There are some around here who say they never heard holiness preached. We desire the prayers of all who read this that God will give us victory and that there will be a church set in order here and many souls will look this way and come in before it is too late. Also pray for my mother and father who are unbelievers that God will open their eyes to the truth.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Ada Harville, Rt. 7.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPERINTENDENTS

1. Order your Sunday School supplies early each quarter.

2. Keep your Sunday School well organized.

3. Hold training classes for present and prospective leaders.

4. Hold promotion day once a year.

5. Place much emphasis upon plans for training leaders.

6. Hold weekly or at least monthly meetings of workers.

7. List carefully the homes of your congregation.

8. Carefully check up on membership of each home.

9. Announce the purpose of the School to secure 100 per cent homes.

10. Make a canvass for the purpose of inviting the fathers and mothers to help you in your effort.

11. Give names of people who are now out of Sunday School to class or department groups with the explanation that those names are prospective members.

12. How teachers should be secured in advance to care for the new classes likely to develop.

13. The training feature should be especially in charge of the pastor or other person delegated by him.

14. Never lose sight of the fact that Sunday School work is a spiritual task to which you have been called.

15. Always welcome suggestions and give them consideration but do not feel it necessary to adopt them all.

16. Report regularly each quarter to District Superintendent and magnify the work of your school by giving facts concerning its work. The District Superintendent will report same to State Superintendent.

17. Have a financial plan for your school.

18. Study your record system with a view to improving its operation.

19. Observe special occasions such as Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving.

20. Begin Sunday School on time each Sunday.

21. Take the lead in securing needed equipment for your school.

22. Be informed concerning the general development of your school.

23. Consult from time to time with your pastor.

24. Speak a word of appreciation to teachers and school occasionally.

25. Refrain from speaking on other subjects at the expense of the lesson.

26. Hold your teachers to the Sunday School lesson.

27. Think daily of the school and pray for its success.

28. Believe in the Sunday School as a call to life service.

29. Plan for summer picnics and other outings for your school, with suitable speakers for public address on child training and religious instructions.

30. Invite your pastor to preach on religious education once a month.

When resolution dies in a school or an individual, it means that surrender has taken place and dissolution has already set in. It may be the teaching force of the school has been depleted by one thing or a combination of circumstances. The pastor, the superintendent, and others responsible, must face this question by creating a new staff of teachers. Resolution means that these workers are not going out of business; dissolution means that they have folded their hands and quit. Resolution means determination. It involves study and careful planning. Let us all be workers together and put the Church of God Sunday Schools over the top. We must work if we win. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation.—Very truly, J. E. McComas, district superintendent of Sunday Schools, 166 Godby St., Logan, W. Va.

CAMPAIGN AND COOKVILLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Our district convention convened at Campaign, Tennessee, March 16-18 with Brother T. A. Richard in charge. We were made glad to see faces from far and near and to have their presence in our midst, and most of all we were made happy to realize that the presence of the Lord was with us. The welcome address was delivered by the writer, pastor of the local church; responses were given by Brothers E. D. Bennett, Richard Turner, and H. K. Keith. After the Campaign quartet gave a special, Brother L. A. Richard brought the message.

God blessed us Saturday morning with pretty weather. Brother Carter preached and then Brother H. K. Keith delivered a message. Next came mission talks by Brothers E. D. Bennett and Richard Turner, after which an offering was taken for missions. In the afternoon Brother C. E. Richard brought a message, followed by one by Brother Ralph Coulter. The writer also delivered a message. The presence and power of the Lord was with us in the evening service. Praise service was conducted by Sister Brown. The saints were made to rejoice. After this came a sermon by our state overseer, Brother Payne. He seemed to be at his best. The house was crowded and every one listened attentively.

Sunday morning we had talks on Sunday School by the writer and Brother L. A. Richard. Brother Payne then gave instructions as to how to raise the 40c per member on the general indebtedness. We were glad to know that four churches in this district have already gone over the top, and the rest are determined to not be slackers and are coming on. Brother Payne brought a message which was very helpful. After lunch we had the report of the churches which are as follows: Brindleys Chapel, Black Oak Grove, Bone Cave, Bon Air, Casville, Campaign, McMinnville, Short Mt., Silver Point, Ravens Croft, Princes Chapel, Lancaster Hill, and Spring Hill. All gave good reports and most of them were represented by a large number.

To sum it all up, everyone seem-

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ORPHANAGE REPORT

CASH RECEIPTS FOR MAY, 1934

E. J. BOEHMER, General Secretary

H. B. Carpenter, Mich. $1.00; S. S. Hebron, N. Dak. $1.65; S. S. Sunny South, Ala. 05c; State Convention, Tenn. $4.00; Economy Shoe Shop, Tenn. $2.00; S. S. Asheville, N. C. $2.14; S. S. Tennelina, N. C. 83c; S. S. Altoona, Ala. 31c; S. S. Cramerton, N. C. $9.52; S. S. Friendship, Miss. 50c; S. S. Honea Path, S. C. $2.64; S. S. Macon, Ga. $2.24; S. S. Belton, S. C. 38c; S. S. St. Louis, Mo. $2.06; S. S. Hickory, N. C. 24c; S. S. Lexington, N. C. $1.48; S. S. Bristol, Tenn. $2.07; S. S. Norton, Va. $1.19; S. S. Ft. Mill, S. C. $2.04; S. S. Kermit, W. Va. 55c; S. S. Pontiac, Mich. $3.89; S. S. Lavonia, Ga. 46c; S. S. Granite Falls, N. C. $1.82; S. S. Melrose, N. Mex. 16c; S. S. Potosi, Mo. $2.48; S. S. East Chapman, Ala. $1.11; S. S. La France, S. C. $1.39; S. S. Bogalusa, La. 36c; S. S. Hudson, Fla. $1.15; S. S. Winnsboro, S. C. 78c; S. S. Mooresville, N. C. $3.56; S. S. Marion, S. C. $1.15; S. S. McCall, S. C. $2.78; Church, Mt. Pleasant, S. C. 20c; S. S. Concord, N. C. $3.38; S. S. Belton, S. C. $3.40; S.S. Kannapolis, N. C. $3.19; S. S. Flat Rock, N. C. 25c; S. S. Clinton, S. C. 57c; S. S. Lowe, W. Va. 30c; S. S. Moorehead, Miss $1.40; S. S. Oak Grove, Ala. 23c; S. S. Cincinnati, Ohio, $6.00; S. S. Lancaster, Ohio, $6.63; Church and S. S. Greensboro, N. C. $1.40; S. S. Belmont, N. C. $3.28; S. S. Jefferson City, Tenn. 37c; S. S. West Asheville, N. C. $2.86; S. S. Middletown, Ohio, $4.29; S. S. Linden, Fla. $1.26; S.S. Tarboro, N. C. 65c; S. S. Trafford, Ala. 76c; S. S. Canton, N. C. $1.83; S. S. Willis Branch, W. Va. 32c; S. S. Pikeville, Ala. 54c; S. S. Ft. Myers, Fla. $3.62; S. S. Valdese, N. C. $2.41; S. S. Parkwood, Ala. 11c; S. S. Crane Eater, Ga. 94c; S. S. St. Joseph, Mo. 40c; S. S. Seaford, Del. $1.31; S. S. Broad Creek, N. C. 63c; S. S. Big Island, Mo. $2.09; S. S. Kentwood, La. 33c; S. S. Silver Point, Tenn. 50c; S. S. Midvale, Ohio, $2.24; S. S. Wilcoe, W. Va. $2.10; S. S. Parrot, Va. 13c; S. S. Petersburg, W. Va. $1.17; S. S. South Gastonia, N. C. $1.70; S. S. Pigeon Creek, Ala. 30c; S. S. LaBelle, Fla. $2.57; S. S. Carson Springs, Tenn. 98c; Church, Middlesboro, Ky. $5.04; S. S. Bon Air, Tenn. $1.15; S.S. Buhl, Ala. $1.62; S. S. Circleville, Ohio, 23c; S. S. Empire, Ala. $6.67; S. S. Carrier Mills, Ill. $1.45; S. S. Canton, Ohio, $5.00; S.S. Lignite, N.Dak. $6.39; S.S. Lacoochee, Fla. $2.04; S. S. Hills Grove, Pa. $1.00; S. S. Big Springs, Tex. 74c; S. S. Pineola, N. C. 25c; S. S. Rocky Hill, Miss. 44c; S. S. Schoolfield, Va. $3.84; S. S. Mobeetie, Tex. 52c; S. S. Ft. Meade, Fla. 86c; S. S. Yellow Hill, Ky. 20c; S. S. Toledo, Ohio, $2.97; S. S. Walhalla, (city) S. C. 51c; S. S. Sampson, Ala. 02c; — — — — — East Tallassee, Ala. 61c; S. S. Adamsville, Ala. 71c; S. S. Hope Mills, N. C. $1.06; S. S. Deerfield, Va. 36c; S.S. Columbus, Ohio, $1.68; S. S. Graysville, Tenn. 54c; S. S. Jonesboro, Ala. $1.31; S. S. Perry, Okla. $1.25; S. S. Anawalt, W. Va. 22c; S. S. Bowling Green, Fla. $2.36; S. S. Boynton, Pa. 20c; S. S. Anderson, S. C. $3.51; S. S. Akron, Ohio, $11.70; S. S. Dalton, Ga. $1.23; S. S. Winona, Miss. $1.42; S. S. Iowa Park, Tex. $1.96; S. S. Marked Tree, Ark. 76c; S. S. Hartwell, Ga. 10c; S. S. Ponchatoula, La. 40c; S. S. Holly Grove, Ark. 15c; S. S. Carlsbad, N. Mex. $1.10; S. S. Spartanburg, S. C. $2.77; S. S. Shamrock, Tex. 63c; S. S. Byrds Chapel, Miss. $1.59; S.S. Albany, Ga. $1.80; S. S. Lando, S. C. 82c; S. S. Marietta, S. C. 20c; S. S. Earle, S. C. 66c; S. S. Waycross, Ga. $1.65; S.S. Carrolton, Ga. $1.39; S. S. Shelby, N. C. $1.02; S. S. High Shoals, N. C. $2.20; S.S. Odum, Ga. $1.60; S. S. Lake Wales, Fla. $3.02; S. S. Trinity, Tex. 62c; S. S. Lynch, Ky. $4.50; S. S. Grand Ledge, Mich. $3.79; S. S. Sumiton, Ala. $1.78; S. S. Waresboro, Ga. 65c; Meyersdale, Pa. 98c; Claysville, Pa. $1.81; S. S. Dorothy, W. Va. 51c; S. S. Garrison, W. Va. $2.02; S. S. Barnabus, W. Va. $1.25; S. S. Columbia, S. C. $3.02; S. S. Belpre, Ohio, 29c; S. S. Joplin, Mo. $1.11; J. B. Weeks, West Green, Ga. $1.55; S. S. Hot Springs, N. Mex. 69c; S. S. Carbon, Ind. 80c; S. S. Lake Wales, Fla. $2.45; S. S. Orange Bend, Fla. 10c; S. S. Sheridan, Wyo. 17c; S. S. Lake Worth, Fla. $3.46; S. S. Tampa, Fla. $5.38; S. S. Auburndale, Fla. 53c; S. S. Stafford, Fla. $1.57; S. S. Lake City, Fla. 66c; S. S. Hattiesburg, Miss. $3.15; S. S. Monroe, La. $1.72; S. S. Gainesville, Fla. $1.58; S. S. Big Timber, Mont. $2.02; S. S. Montgomery, Ala. $3.13; S. S. Johnson City, Tenn. $1.40; S. S. Juanita, Pa. 39c; S. S. Norfolk, Va. $3.00; S. S. Parris, Tex. 24c; S. S. Shady Grove, Miss. 20c; S. S. Christian, W. Va. 48c; S. S. Sanford, N. C. $2.63; Yazoo City, Miss. 43c; S. S. Townsend, Tenn. $2.25; S. S. Radford, Va. 50c; S. S. Sheeptown, Va. 50c; S. S. Reading, Pa. $4.01; S. S. Vicksburg, Mo. $3.15; S. S. Letcher, Ky. 15c; S. S. Equality, Ill. 16c; S.S. Eldorado, Ill.$4.28; S. S. Elbert, W. Va. $1.79; S. S. Shannon, Ga. 88c; S. S. Sevierville, Tenn. 78c; S. S. Largo, Fla. $5.26; S. S. Cliffview, Va. $1.14; S. S. Lannius, Tex. $3.96; S. S. Ft. Wayne, Ind. 62c; S. S. Selman City, Tex. $2.21; Sebewa, Mich. $1.83; S. S. Zion, Ala. 27c; S. S. Thomasville, N. C. $2.21; S. S. Faxon, Okla. 28c; S. S. Highspire, Pa. $1.96; S. S. Brighton, Mo. 93c; S. S. Greenwood, S. C. $1.54; S. S. Ravenna, Ky. $4.10; S. S. Ravia, Okla. 38c; S. S. St. Petersburg, Fla. $3.65; S. S. Edinburg, Tex. 35c; S. S. Easton, Md. $2.32; S. S. Maud. Okla. 05c; S. S. Lubbock, Tex. 08c; S. S. Branford, Fla. 40c; S. S. Bartow, Fla. $1.68; S. S. Blantons Grove, Ga. $1.31; S. S. Leadwood, Mo. $3.27; S. S. Cherryhill, S. C. 11c; S. S. Clarks Chapel, Tex. 04c; S. S. Slater, S. C. 47c; S. S. Belfast, Me. $1.40; Kinsers Church, Tenn. $1.77; Mrs. Srilday Webb, Ariz. $2.00. Rosmond, N.C. 42c; Coalmont, Ind. $1.15; Salem, Va. 25c; S. S. Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. $1.91; S. S. Marion, Va. 12c; Church, Princeton, W. Va. $6.12; S. S. Wilburns Chapel, Tenn. $1.02; S. S. Nettleton, Ark. 67c; S. S. McMinnville, Tenn. 81c; S. S. Bowling Green, Ky. 64c; S. S. Boaz, Ala. 50c; S. S. Walhalla, (country) S. C. 04c; S. S. Crisfield, Md. $6.94; S. S. Electra, Tex. 96c; S. S. Union Grove, Ga. 53c; S. S. Alarka, N. C. 20c; S. S. Elizabethton, Tenn. $1.90; S. S. Double Springs, Ala. $2.48; S. S. Pattonville, Ohio, 85c; S. S. Langley, S. C. $2.32; S. S. Warrenville, S. C. $2.62; S. S. Williamstown, W. Va. 24c; S. S. Clarksburg, W. Va. $1.15; S. S. Lenoir, N. C. $2.45; S. S. Gaffney, N. C. $3.76; S. S. Joseph Chapel, Miss. 47c; S. S. Cantwell, Mo. $5.16; S. S. Talladega, Ala. 24c; S. S. Frostproof, Fla. $5.00; S. S. Elkins, W. Va. $6.59; S. S. Markleysburg, Pa. $5.00; S. S. Honey Comb, Ill. 32c; S. S. Unicoi, Tenn. $1.06; Church, Gasparilla, Fla. $10.20; S. S. Portland, Me. $4.24; S.S. Columbus, Ga. $1.50; S. S. Decenia, Ala. 51c; S. S. Oustee, Fla. $2.50; S. S. Blacksburg, S. C. $3.53; Church, Sulphur Springs, Fla. $5.80; S.S. Garret, Ky. $1.00; S. S. St. Alburns, W. Va. $1.45; S. S. Oak Grove, Miss. 36c; S. S. White Cloud, Mich. $1.46; S. S. Somerset, Ky. $1.39; S. S. Williamsburg, Pa. $2.87; S. S. St. Luke, Md. 84c; S. S. LaFayette, Ga. $2.20; S. S. Omaha, Ark. 46c; S. S. Deering, Kans. $1.48; S. S. Coffeyville, Kans. $2.95; S. S. Phoenix City, 72c; S. S. Shelburn, Ind. $3.03; S. S. Brownfield, Tex. $1.48; S. S. Kathleen, Fla. $1.09; S. S. Alton, Fla. $1.12; S. S. Red Hill, Miss. $1.16; S. S. Bunker Hill, S. C. 64c; S. S. Dillon, S. C. $1.92; S. S. Busha Chapel, Miss. 26c; S. S. Mobridge, S. Dak. $4.63; S.S. Wishek, N. Dak. $1.27; S. S. Beckley, W. Va. $2.92; S. S. McVeigh, Ky. $4.80; S. S. Baldwin Park, Calif. $4.66; S. S. Dundee, Ohio, $1.04; S. S. Lakeland, Fla. $6.77; S. S. Amelia, Va. 09c; S. S. Metz, W. Va. 74c; S. S. Savannah Branch, La. 76c; S. S. Breckenridge, Tex. 33c; S. S. Pelzer, S. C. $3.15; S. S. Lynchburg, Va. 65c; S. S. Pulaski, Va. $1.60; S. S. Zolfo Springs, Fla. $2.63; S. S. Jasonville, Ind. 83c; S. S. Lanett, Ala. $1.58; S. S. Blythe, Calif. 31c; S. S. Chokoloskee, Fla. $2.41; Crumleys Chapel, Ala. $4.33; S. S. Saline, Ky. 41c; S. S. Spring Place, Ga. 70c; S. S. Oak Grove, Ky. 09c; S. S. High Shoals, N. C. $1.37; S. S. Buford, Ga. $1.10; S. S. Harrisburg, Pa. 90c; S. S. Benndale, Miss. 51c; S. S. Manns Choice, Pa. $1.00; S. S. Dayton, Ohio, $2.41; S. S. Weatherford, Tex. 40c; S. S. Parkersburg, W. Va. 41c; Church, Whitwell, Tenn. $4.67; Archers Fork, O. $3.00; S. S. North St. Joseph, Mo. 82c; S. S. Lester, W. Va. $3.34; S. S. Wills Point, Tex. 18c; S. S. Hobbs, N. Mex. 4 c; S. S. Kellysville, W. Va. $1.17; S. S. Memphis, Tenn. $2.01; S. S. Charleston, S. C. $3.54; S. S. Milton, W. Va. 76c; S. S. Bangor, Me. 75c; S. S. Roanoke, Va. $1.68; S. S. Erwin, N. C. $2.52; S. S. West Helena, Ark. $1.80; S. S. Phoenix, Ariz. $1.14; Miss Grace Haight, Tenn. $1.00; S. S. Eldorado, Md. 58c; S. S. West Lake, Fla. 66c; S. S. Maud, Okla. $2.40; S. S. Rocky Mount, N. C. $2.30; S. S. Lewistown, Mont. $1.59; S. S. Easley, S. C. 28c; S. S. Grano, N. Dak. 80c; Ohio State Convention, $7.50; S. S. Baltimore, Md.

$4.00; S. S. Baxley, Ga. $10.00; S. S. Sweetwater, Tenn. 17c; S. S. Uhrichsville, Ohio, $2.53; Stocton Valley Baptist Church, Tenn. $2.98; S. S. East St. Louis, Ill. 90c; S. S. Morgantown, Miss. $5.24; S. S. Lebanon, Ohio, $6.15; S. S. Augusta, Me. $3.70; S. S. Mitchell, La. 50c; S. S. Parshall, N. Dak. $2.50; Linden, Fla. 77c; Memorial Service, Dalton, Ga. $6.77; S. S. Wytheville, Va. 30c; S. S. Belton, W. Va. 74c; S. S. La France, S. C. $1.23; S. S. Chapman, Ala. $1.72; S. S. Candler, N. C. $2.39; S. S. Ft. Mill, S. C. $1.72; S. S. Careyville, Tenn. 40c; Asheville, (Biltmore) N. C. $2.03; Daisy, Tenn. $2.04; L. T. Gibson, W. Va. $4.00; S. S. Lexington, N. C. 64c; S. S. Winnsboro, S. C. $1.73; S. S. Lake Wales, Fla. $2.06; S. S. Bowling Green, Fla. 85c; S. S. Belmont, N. C. $2.00; S. S. Equality, Ill. 26c; S. S. Hattiesburg, Miss. $2.68; S. S. Middletown, Ohio, $2.31; S. S. Ft. Myers, Fla. $1.92; S. S. John City, Tenn. $1.27; S. S. Anderson, S. C. $2.78; S. S. Bogalusa, La. 06c; S. S. Macon, Ga. 58c; S. S. Riviera, Fla. $4.11; S. S. Charlotte, N. C. $3.12; S. S. East New Market, Md. 40c; Y.P.E., Olustee, Fla. $3.00.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mrs. Florence Carney, Fox Worth, Miss., 3 1-2 yds. dress pattern and trimming, S. S., High Shoals, N. C., 1 doll, 10 yds. domestic, 2 1-2 yds. prints, 1 baby dress (worn), 2 pr. baby hose; Mrs. C. E. Sanders, Greenville, S. C., 1 quilt top, 1 pr. pillow cases, 1 cake toilet soap, 1 spl. thread; Genniveve Waters, Marietta, O., 1 scrap book.

The Mark of The Two-Horned Beast

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interested in your welfare, and most everybody speaking as if God has sent him?

This meek gentle beast (or power) is going to speak as a dragon when he gets sufficient authority. Somebody is going to be deceived in him. Rev. 13:13-14.

Let us notice that he is to exercise all the power of the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He can only use his influence and do his works through the lamb-like beast. If he looked vicious to the people they would not follow him so readily, therefore, he must come in disguise.

He is going to make an image (or likeness) to the first beast, and cause that as many as will not worship the image of the beast shall be killed. Rev. 13:15.

He is going to cause all classes of people to receive his mark whose names are not written in the book of life. Rev. 13:16 and 17:8.

We understand now how he is to exercise the power of the beast before him. The first beast put the humble, meek, God-fearing people to death, then we may expect this one to do the same thing, even though he did appear like a lamb.

We must remember that he is to appear like a lamb in order that the people will not be afraid of him. He must have their support until he gets complete control of the people, then he can exercise all the power of the seven-head and ten-horned beast. He is going to DECEIVE the people. Rev. 13:11:14.

When he gets sufficient power he is going to "speak as a dragon." Rev. 13:11.

Now we would like to know what his first authoritative step will be in order that we may know him. We must WATCH or we will be deceived in him.

He is going to compel all of those that buy and sell to receive his mark, either in their right hands or their foreheads. Rev. 13:16-17.

This can be done very easily by boycotting those that refuse.

Again I would ask, do you know of such a power? If so, I would advise you to WATCH and let no man deceive you by any means. 2 Thes. 2:3. It is my honest opinion that the time has come for such a power to appear. Bible prophecy is my authority.

It is going to be a dreadful time for those who receive the "mark of the beast." Read Rev. 14:9-11 and 16:1-14.

Those that are faithful unto death, and refuse to worship the image of the beast, or to receive his mark will be rewarded and the blessings that they will enjoy will be worth thousands of times more than all the pleasures that sin can afford. There is no comparison. Paul said, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us." Rom. 8:18.

In Rev. 19:1-9 we read of the voices of the ones who have won the victory over the beast shouting and praising God. That is going to be a wonderful time for God's people. I want to be among that number, don't you? Then as Jesus said so I will say, "Watch and pray that ye enter not into tempation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matt. 26:41.

NOTICES

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The Church of God at Lepanto, Ark. requests the following members to report to the clerk between now and our next conference in July: Julia Johnson, Pearl Smith, Evelyn Rogers, Alice Shelton, Lovella Lacy. Some of these we haven't heard from in nearly three years. If not heard from by next conference they will be disfellowshiped.—A. P. McElyea, clerk, Lepanto, Ark.

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This is to notify the ministers, laity, and friends of the Church of God in New Mexico and elsewhere that the New Mexico state convention will convene at Jal, N. Mex., June 15-17, D.V. Everybody welcome. Come and enjoy a feast from the Lord. Brother M. E. Drake, state overseer, will be in charge.—Humbly, your brother, T. M.White, pastor.

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There will be an all day meeting at Crown Hill Church of God the third Sunday in June at Crown Hill, W. Va. All are invited to come and bring a well filled basket of good things to eat and enjoy a good time in the Lord.—G. W. Wriston, pastor, Alex Daniels, clerk.

REQUESTS

Dear fellow students, I am on my way to New Mexico. I need your prayers as I am going by faith. Today finds me at Waltsonburg, Colo., about fifty miles from the New Mexico line. I am alone and a stranger here but my soul is filled to overflowing as Jesus is with me. Please pray that God will help me lead some one to Him. Love to all.—Paul Shiewek.

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Brothers Everett Wright and K. L. Loveless will begin a revival June 9 half way between Osceola and Lepanto, Ark., on Road No. 40, near the national ditch. We invite everyone to attend, and pray for the success of the meeting. Any preacher who feels led to come, is extended a hearty welcome.—Mrs.

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-:- Sunday School Lesson -:-

LESSON 12 **JUNE 17**

THE RISEN LORD AND THE GREAT COMMISSION

TEXT: Matt. 28:1-10, 16-20. — MEMORY VERSE: Rev. 1:18b.

TIME: Sunday, April 9, A. D. 30, and a date some time later.

PLACES: Jerusalem; Galilee.

GOLDEN TEXT: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.—Matt. 28:19, 20.

LEADING THOUGHT: It should be the concern of every Christian to help in carrying out the great commission.

LESSON VERSE BY VERSE

THE VISIT TO THE SEPULCHRE

V. 1. "In the end of the sabbath." The Sabbath began at six p. m. in the evening, however, Matthew thinks of the Sabbath as beginning with sunrise. With this idea Mark is also in accord, Mark 16:1. "As it began to dawn toward the first day of the week." Dawn comes from the Greek "epiphosko" meaning to dawn, or the commencement of the day, to be near commencing, to dawn on. Luke 23: 54. Matthew and Mark are not in accord with the Jewish idea of the Sabbath lasting from six p. m. in the evening to six p. m. the following evening. They have adopted the ordinary civil idea of a day as extending from sunrise to sunrise, thus adding the night to the preceding day. With this idea Luke 24:1 and John 20:1 are in accord. "Came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre." Mary Magdalene was a woman out of whom Jesus cast seven devils. Luke 9:49. "Love cannot abandon its object, living or dead. Mary Magdalene stands prominently represented as "first in love, first in care." The other Mary was the mother of James the Less and Joses, Matt. 27:56. In this company was also Salome, the mother of James and John and other women." They had bought spices for the purpose of embalming the body of Jesus.

THE RESURRECTION

V. 2. "And, behold, there was a great earthquake." They beheld the wonderful sight which had occurred during the night. "For the angel of the Lord descended from heaven." The angels had appeared at His birth and announced the mission of His coming into the world. They now descend to set Christ free from the powers of the tomb. "And came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it." This happening struck terror to the hearts of the soldiers on guard who fell as dead men. The removal of the stone was not necessary as His spiritual body possessed supernatural powers and qualities, John 20:19. However, it showed complete triumph over the chambers of death. The angel's sitting upon it showed complete triumph and that it was not to be replaced.

V. 3. "His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow." Such is true of all God's heavenly creatures. Compare Ezek. 1:14; Dan. 10: 6. Their glittering garments were in effect like that of the transfiguration of Christ, Matt. 17:2; Acts 1:10; Rev. 10:1.

V. 4. "And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men." Their fear was inspired by the presence of the angel whose power completely overwhelmed them. The keepers were cognizant of His presence. The effects were that they were convulsed and fell to the earth in deathlike faintness.

V. 5. "And the angel answered and said unto the women." The angel sought to allay the anxiety and perplexity of the women. "Fear not ye." The crucifixion and presence of the soldiers on guard naturally caused fear. "For I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified." The women are seeking to do Him honor by anointing and embalming His body. They were His friends but their mission was useless.

V. 6. "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said." That is, He was not in the tomb. Had they believed and understood His prophecies they would not have sought the living among the dead. See Matt. 12:40; 16:21; 18:23; 20:19. On His resurrection depended the spiritual origin and continuance of Christianity. "Come, see the place where the Lord lay." To satisfy their inquiry the angel invited them to behold for themselves the empty sepulchre.

THE MESSAGE TO HIS DISCIPLES

V. 7. "And go quickly, and tell his disciples." St. Mark adds, "and Peter." The disciples had forsaken Him and fled while in the hour of His trial and crucifixion, so they were not honored with the vision of the presence of the angels at the sepulchre but Christ sends them a message of love by the faithful women. "That he is risen from the dead." This glad message was accounted as idle tales by His disciples, Luke 24:9, 11. "And, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee." Christ represented as going before them is in keeping with the office of shepherd and His promise, Matt. 26:32; John 10:4. As a Shepherd He was leading them forth into new pastures. "There shall ye see him: lo, I have told you." They were not only assured of seeing Him who is the "Pathfinder of life" but that His people shall have all the tender care of the Good Shepherd.

V. 8. "And they departed quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy." As if intent to obey the angel's command. With the emotions stirred with the thought of meeting again their beloved Master. "And did run to bring his disciples word." They were bidden to go quickly. The order of announcement of His resurrection was by the angels to the women at the tomb, by the women to the twelve, and the twelve to the world.

JESUS MEETING HIS DISCIPLES

V. 9. "And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying. All hail." The latter expression means "rejoice ye," peace be unto you. Their hearts had been stricken with sorrow which He had promised should be turned into joy, John 16:20. He would have them rejoice in His victory over death and the grave. "And they came and held him by the feet." Mary was forbidden to touch Him but these are later allowed to do so, who thus show their affection for Him. "And worshipped him." Remaining at His feet in profound adoration, an eastern fashion denoting the deepest of reverence.

V. 10. "Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid." He would have us without fear of the agonies of death and the power of the grave. It was ever His custom to allay terror and amazement, chap. 14: 27; 17:7. "Go tell my brethren." For the first time He refers to His disciples as brethren. The language is pathetic and full of the deepest thought of love despite their cowardly desertion. "That they go into Galilee, and there shall they see me." His message was the same as that of the angel in V. 7.

THE MEETING IN GALILEE
Matt. 28:16-20

V. 16. "Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee." Which was the home province of Christ. Many wonderful and divine revelations were given there. This interview occurred one week after His first appearance. "Into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them." Thought by some to be the Mount of the Beatitudes, possibly the same as that mentioned by St. Paul. 1 Cor. 15:6. Other commentators think it was Mount Tabor. The importance is not where He met them but the fact that He did meet them.

V. 17. "And when they saw him, they worshipped him." The first mention of a supreme act of worship. They no doubt recognized Him as their Lord and God. "But some doubted." By this time the doubters could hardly have been any of the eleven as they had seen Him at different times and places and had infallible proof, Acts 1:3; or possibly it was some who doubted His identity rather than His resurrection.

V. 18. "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying." What He next relates is of vital concern to us today. We must see in Him the Conqueror of all principalities and powers and capable of issuing the great commission which here follows. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." As the Son of man He had received power of God the Father

in a manner supreme, both in heaven and in earth, over the whole kingdom of God, not given to Him because He is the Son of God but by merits of His incarnation, death and resurrection, Phil. 2:8-10; Psa. 2:8; 8:5, 8; Dan. 7:13, 14.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

V. 19. "Go ye therefore." "Go" is the watchword of the gospel. It is based on a reason and suggests that we should ever advance, pressing forward into mission fields and religious activity. "And teach all nations." No longer the lost sheep of the house of Israel as in chapter 10:6 but they were to Christianize all nations of the world, Jews and Gentiles alike. "Baptizing them." An outward rite typifying the cleansing of the heart intent upon leading a new life. Proselytes coming into the Jewish faith were so baptized to an old rite. He adds new solemnity and the most sacred formula of administration signifying an induction into a new spiritual life. "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Such command has for its purpose to educate men to believe in the Holy Trinity consisting of the Fatherhood of God, the Sonship of Christ, brought about by the presence of the Holy Spirit. In no other way could a human creation become sons of God. 1 John 3:1. The name "Father" implies that we are received into covenant with Him.

V. 20. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." In V. 15 the Roman soldiers were bribed to tell a lie about the resurrection of Jesus but His ministers have a commission to tell not only about His resurrection but to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ and the meaning of tne atonement concerning the hope that is set before us. "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Though absent in His bodily presence He would be with them in spiritual presence, potent, effectual, and infinite. He promised to be with them alway or all the days of their pilgrimages, days of trials, persecution, and affliction, to comfort and assist them in their ministry, to work and to confirm His word with signs following, Mark 16:20. The word "world" should have been translated "age." It is suggestive of the unchanging purpose of Christ concerning the Gospel.

REQUESTS

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Pearl Loveless, Rt. 3, Box 94, Osceola, Ark.

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Please pray that my father may be saved during our revival which is being held at Belmont, N. C. — Miss Dell Drumn.

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I praise the Lord for healing me of a chill last Sunday and also touching my head, but my head hurts some yet and I ask the saints to pray that God will completely heal me. My husband is unsaved so pray that He will give his heart and life to God. I want to get closer to the Lord and I need your prayers. Pray that my home will be a home of prayer.— A sister in Christ, Rubye Jones, Louise, Miss.

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We ask every one to pray for us in our undertaking here at Dayton, Ohio. We are raising a fund to build a church and we extend an invitation to every one to visit us when passing thru. The address of the church is 2031 Home Ave. Our pastor is Brother J. W. Hughes, 50 North Horton St.—Your brother in the Lord, J. B. Dehart.

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Please pray for Brother J. E. Newby to get work here or somewhere that he may attend Church of God services. Pray for the Lord to give us a place here for the Church of God meetings. If any one on the field needs my services write me at once. I will be glad to hear from you. I will preach or pray for you while you preach. I have been saved almost twenty-nine years and sanctified twenty-seven years. On June 16 I will have had the Holy Ghost twenty-seven years and have belonged to the Church of God fifteen years. I have papers with the Church of God, 2524 Gaut St., Cleveland, Tenn., S. W. Latimer, General Overseer. If you want references, ask any one in the office about me. I trust the Lord for my whole body but I don't fight folks who don't. I fight sin and stand for everything the Church of God teaches. Pray for your poor old sister.—Mary Lynch, Acworth, Ga.

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Please pray for our revival here. We praise the Lord for sending Brothers T. Clark and Harry Cutts here. He is blessing. Six have been saved, two sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost.—Your brother in Christ, Curtis Hughes, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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Pray that my sixteen-year-old boy will be saved and return home. I am a member of the Church of God. Please pray sincerely.—Pearl Swain, Harlan, Ky.

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Dear saints, please pray a special prayer for my wife. She has some kind of a growth in her nose. We have been trusting God for our healing for nearly three years and we know He is able and will heal. Pray for me that the Lord will use me to His glory.—Your brother, J. M. Vice, Sweetwater, Ala.

We are in the midst of a great revival in Belmont, N. C. It has been going two weeks. Forty-five have been saved, thirty-one sanctified, and thirty filled with the Holy Ghost. J. L. Hathcock and T. C. Franklin are in charge. Pray for its continued success. — L. H. Ledbetter, pastor.

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We are beginning a revival at the Church of God at Dora, Ala. We ask that everybody pray for its success. If you can, come and help us. We invite all the neighboring churches and are looking forward to a great time in the Lord.—L. W. Led better, pastor.

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Dear saints everywhere, please pray for God to heal my body. I have been in ill health for two or three months but I know God will heal me. I have had the Holy Ghost three years and trust the Lord with my body. Pray for God to help me live humble.— A brother in Christ, Bay McIntyre, Coffeeville, Ala.

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Please pray earnestly for my baby. They say he has colitis. He has been sick three months.— A brother in Jesus, Marion Harper, 201 Gin St., Cairo, Ga.

BIG ISLAND, MO. DISTRICT CONVENTION

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Foshe, Overseer of the Big Island District.

Saturday morning service began with Scripture reading by Brother Milligan and concert prayer. The sermonettes were continued with Brother Dee Austin, John Wilson, and Brother Starks. Music was rendered by the quartet and a Mission offering of $15.00 taken. A message was delivered by Brother Milligan.

Report of the churches followed. Truly God is making the work in the State of Missouri thrive. Next a praise service. This was the most wonderful part of the convention. God-called ministers were stirred during this praise service.

God blessed Saturday night from the very beginning. Some had to leave but God blessed anyway. Sister Maud Vandeford brought the message. Following this Brother Foshe brought a message. Handshakes and farewells closed the convention. These good people certainly make you feel welcome. If Jesus tarries, I'm sure next year everybody who can, will want to go back.—Ellen Brown.

CAMPAIGN AND COOKVILLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

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ed at his best. The singing was wonderful and the special singing by Brother Keith and wife was greatly enjoyed. The quartet was always willing to do their best. We had large crowds Saturday night and Sunday and all seemed to enjoy themselves immensely. At 4:00 p. m. there were handshakes and good-byes and as the people went back to their homes all were encouraged and have a new zeal to work for God and His Church. Pray for the work in Tennessee and especially at Campaign as we expect a revival before long.—Yours for lost souls, Hooper Maxwell and wife.

PANHANDLE DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Panhandle district convention convened at the Mobeetie Church March 30th-April 1st, inclusive. This convention was well attended. Some say it was the largest crowd ever known to be there on Sunday night. The convention opened Friday night with songs and prayer. The welcome address was delivered by Brother L. L. Milam. We feel confident that every one present felt the excellent dominating presence of the Lord for He was surely there. Responses were given by Brother Swint and Sister Coats after which some special songs were sung followed by a good inspirational sermon by Brother Pugh of Borger.

Saturday morning service was given to a Bible study with Brother J. C. Coats as teacher. This was not only an enjoyable service but quite beneficial as well. By Saturday evening there had congregated a large crowd. Service opened with songs and prayer and a good fiery testimony service led by Brother C. C. Ruff. The Lord blessed greatly. We had some special singing followed by a good sermon by Brother Brous of Iowa Park. Brother Coats responded to this sermon.

Sunday morning service opened at ten o'clock with songs and prayer. All stood in praise to the Lord while His presence moved over the congregation so wonderfully. Sister Brous gave a good talk on Sunday School work which was greatly enjoyed. The writer then gave a talk on the Y. P. E. and B. T. S. We feel that this work of the Church is very important and we see the necessity of it. We had a sermon by Brother Coats. Every one then enjoyed the good eats that were spread just outside the church. Sunday afternoon service was filled with good things. After songs and prayer Brother Swint gave a talk on his work in Borger in behalf of his Junior Class. A talk on mission work was given by Brother Gilly, then we had the report of the churches. Sunday night was given for an Easter program which was rendered by the Mobeetie Y. P. E. This entire convention was deliciously seasoned with the presence of the Lord. Now we who attended this convention are scattered on the battlefield laboring to be faithful to the Master.—Yours for the Master, Ora Mae Ruff, Weatherford, Tex.

BERRYTON, GA. DISTRICT CONVENTION

The Berryton district meeting convened at LaFayette, Ga., March 17th and 18th, with J. R. Davis, the pastor, in charge. Ministers from various churches attended. On Saturday the delegates began coming in. The building was packed to its capacity. At 7:00 o'clock services began with songs and prayer. The Smith quartet from Lindale rendered some fine singing. At 7:30 we had a sermon by Brother Dewey Adams. Next was a sermon by Brother Black. He preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and his message was very impressive. After a song by LaFayette quartet a sermon was given by L. P. Shaw. Next we had a song by the Smith quartet. The power of the Lord fell and amidst manifestation of the power of God and hallelujahs the service came to a close.

Sunday morning the delegates continued to come. We had visitors from Chattanooga, Rome, Lindale, Chickamauga, Shannon, Berryton and Trion. Services opened with songs and prayer. The Lord blessed. The congregation stood with uplifted hands and praised God for the visitation of the Holy Ghost. A talk was given by M. A. Looney. The congregation was made both to weep and to rejoice. Everyone enjoyed this good message. The 11:00 o'clock sermon by J. W. Culpepper was fine. He preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Amidst tears and shouts he spoke of the apostasy of the Church and the restoration of her. Many were convinced that the Church of God is the Bible Church. After the sermon ten came forward and united with the Church. At noon a nice dinner was spread in the grove and enjoyed by all. At one-thirty song and healing service. Later a sermon by Brother J. H. Nix was given. His message was enjoyed by all. Sister Standfield preached for us and we also had a talk by Sister Sanders. At 3:00 Brother W. M. Murphy delivered a sermon. He preached and shouted praises and the saints were edified. A sermon was given by Brother J. W. Devlin which was enjoyed by all. Every speaker seemed to speak under the anointing of the Spirit. Brother Gossett spoke next, after which an offering for missions was taken. Adjournment. At 7:30 o'clock the building was packed again. After song and prayer service Brother J. W. Culpepper made an appeal for every member to be loyal to the 40c drive, which was followed by a testimony meeting. At 8:00 o'clock Brother Culpepper delivered a sermon and at 9:30 services came to a close with handshakes and goodbyes. Long live the memory of the Berryton district meeting.—J. R. Davis, pastor.

VICTORY OVER THE ENEMY

SHELBURN, Ind.—I'm praising God that fourteen years ago this June God thru His tender mercies saved, sanctified and baptized me with the precious Holy Ghost and added me to the great Church of God at Shelburn, Ind. The fire is still burning and the way grows sweeter each day.

Five years ago this spring I was living in the South. I was taken to the hospital in New Orleans with pellagra in the last stages. I kept getting worse, couldn't take but very little nourishment. I was too weak to turn myself in bed. The doctor ordered me screened off from the other patients and as I had taken training for a nurse I knew that this meant the end, but I kept holding on to God to heal my body. Praise His name! He never left me. I could feel His presence with me all the time. The saints back at Shelburn kept praying for God to undertake, bless the Lord.

One day after I had been there about four weeks I felt the victory. I'll never forget it. I told the doctor I was going to get well and he asked me what made me think so. I told him God had touched and healed my body in the name of Jesus. I got up and began to walk. The patients in the room began to scream that I would fall but God held me up. I only weighed about eighty-five pounds. I began eating and in a few days was discharged from the hospital. Praise God! I know He can heal.

Pray for me that I'll be an overcomer in these last days and will be ready when He comes or calls. I have sisters, brothers and a husband who are out in sin. Some have fallen by the wayside. Pray that God will have His way with them before it is too late.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Clara Wise.

DIVINELY HEALED!

Dear saints everywhere, I know you remember the requests in the dear Evangel from me for cancer of the intestines. I was down five months but, praise God, He touched my body and raised me up after the doctors said there could be nothing done only to give me dope to lull the pain until I passed away. Praise God He took the pain away and I've been up two weeks though the devil tries to make me doubt at times. I want every one who feels led to fast and pray to pray with me that the Lord will completely heal me and will remove the growth. I know He is able to do big things. He has healed the many times.

I had appendicitis and He healed me when the doctors said I'd have to be operated on. I was also healed instantly of typhoid and many other things, also my family. Pray that God will spare me to raise my little ones. I don't fear death but I feel I'm needed with my children.

I thank every one for their sweet encouraging letters. I may not get them all answered but they were all appreciated. Oh, how I praise God for every one who has felt interested in me. Please continue to hold me up in your prayers.—Your sister in Christ, Irene Cooper, Eupora, Miss., R.F.D. 3.

HATTIESBURG, MISS. DISTRICT CONVENTION A SUCCESS

The Hattiesburg, district convention convened at Hattiesburg, Miss. April 13-15. Brother M. J. Headley, pastor and district pastor, was in charge. Brother McClendon, state overseer, was present. Brother Headley gave the welcome address and everyone felt at home as the presence of the Lord was there from the beginning. After preaching service several came to the altar.

Saturday morning Brother Smith spoke on "God's Promises." Brother Wright also spoke to us. In the afternoon Brother O. J. Plake, pastor of Cleveland, Miss., church, spoke on "A Good Shepherd." Every minister seemed to realize his responsible position and both ministry and laity were stirred. Saturday evening the church had a missionary program. God is blessing their efforts. Brother McClendon followed with a message on "Loyalty vs. Disloyalty," and God surely did bless.

Sunday morning Brother Walker from Morgantown, Miss., gave a soul-stirring message on "Sunday School and Is It A Bible Teaching?" Brother Sharp spoke on "The Need of Government." At noon we enjoyed a feast of temporal things that God had given us and there was plenty for all. Sunday afternoon Brother Percy Smith gave a talk on "The Y. P. E." Every one was made to realize the need of it. Sister Mavis Morgan also said many good things in behalf of the Y. P. E. and our souls were stirred as the presence of God came down in our midst. We then had reports from all the churches in the district. Some had gained five more talents ,some two, and some made to realize they could have done more. Pray for us.—Mrs. A. J. Gardner.

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SPECIALS

ROANOKE, Va.—I thank the Lord for sending His servants to rescue me. I was lying sick in bed. Had been operated on fourteen times and the doctor said I would have to go back to the hospital. I sent for Brother J. H. Daniels and he had prayer with me. In a day or two I got up and went to the tent meeting he was holding. The devil made me suffer until I went home and took three morphine tablets, thinking I would go to bed and sleep, but the Lord was striving with me and wouldn't let me go to sleep. Right there I wrestled with Him until in the morning, then I was healed and sanctified and have not had a pain since.

Eleven have been baptized and twenty-three or more filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the church here. We have been doing some wonderful work here and the Lord has blessed us for it. We are kept busy holding prayer meetings in the homes. We have a wonderful Sunday School. Pray that we may grow in God's grace and be what He would have us be.—A sister, Mrs. Eula Croft, 814 10th St. N. E.

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Just a few lines from Texas down on the Rio Grande in honor of Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we are able to ask or think in supplying our needs (not desires) according to His riches in glory. Truly we feel more encouraged than ever before to stay in the fight for the right as we are strong believers in the soon coming of Jesus. The work in the Edinburg district is moving along nicely. Sister Fernie Bradley is helping take care of the work at the mission. We are also looking forward to a new church building there. You preachers who want to do something for the Lord just come to the Valley for there is plenty here to do. We covet the prayers of the Evangel family. — Your brother, W. W. Smethers, pastor, Edinburg, Tex.

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SYLACAUGA, Ala.—I praise God for the way He blessed in the revival here which was in progress almost four weeks. We had four preachers, Brothers Ernest Smith, Albert Reed, Ernest Wilson and Sister Simpson. The Lord surely did bless. Brother Smith organizey a Y. P. E. with forty-four members. There were about twenty-four saved, seven sanctified and several filled with the Holy Ghost. Souls were stirred. Pray for me that I may win souls for the Lord. Pray for my mother to be saved. Also pray for the work at this place that our Y. P. E. and church work will go over the top for the Lord.—A sister in Christ, Velma Jolly, 47 Central Ave.

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